An ABSTRACT of the Book, entituled,

The Quakers Challenge at two ſeveral Weapons, to the Baptiſts, Presbyters, Papiſts, and other profeſſors.

The Original of which being brought me ſince my Anſwer to it (which for ſome Years I had not ſeen) I was willing to have this reprinted, partly for the ſake of ſuch who have not ſeen the ſame, and in abhorrence and deteſtation of that proud, exalted, Antichriſtian Spirit that writ it; whoſe Works of Wickedneſs, and Deeds of Darkneſs muſt not always go undetected and unpuniſhed.

But who ſhall live when God doth this?

Publiſhed on the behalf of *CHRIST JESUS* the Son of the Living GOD, who is not only become my alone Saviour, Sanctifier, and Redeemer, but alſo my great LORD and Maſter, to teach and inſtruct me in His Word, Work, Worſhip, and Service this day: for which I cannot but praiſe and magnifie His Name, who is GOD over all, bleſſed for ever and for evermore, *Amen*, ſaith His Servant; who is a true Lover of his Country, and a Well-wiſher to the weal and good of all Mankind.

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J. P.

AFter S. E. had exclaim'd againſt ſeveral of the *Baptiſts* Teachers, ſaying *it was their work to belie the Innocent, and fill the Peoples Ears with falſe Reports*; that *they were Enemies to the Lord, his Truth and People, &c.* he proceeds to his Challenge in theſe words:

I do challenge any of the Teachers amongſt the *Baptiſts*, or *Independents*, or *Presbyters*, or *Papiſts*, or *Jeſuits*, *high Prieſts* and *low Prieſts*; for theſe are all blind Guides, and their Profeſſion is rotten, their Church is *Babylon*, their Faith is unſound, and their Doctrine is falſe for ever. And I will maintain it by theſe two Weapons, *viz. To faſt ſeven days and ſeven nights, and not to eat nor to drink.* And the next Weapon is, *To wake ſeven days and ſeven nights, and not to ſleep till they be faithfully performed before the Lord:* and the God that anſwereth by Fire, ſhall be the true God; and he that the Lord ſhall carry through this fiery trial, ſhall be accounted a Worſhipper of the true God, and ſhall give Him the Glory and Honour, and acknowledge His Power, who alone is worthy, who is over all, God bleſſed for ever. But he that tires by the way, ſhall be accounted a Member of a falſe Church, and an Heretick; whoſe God is his Belly, whoſe Glory is his Shame, whoſe End is Deſtruction.

Come *Papiſts, &c.* will you maintain that your Church is a true Church (which is eſtabliſh'd by Blood) anſwer the *Quaker.*— Come *Proteſtants*, who are called by the names of *Presbyters*, *Independents*, and *Baptiſts*, *Fifth-monarchy*, *Seventh-day Sabbath-men*, and *Family of Love*, the *Quaker* denies you ALL, and is come to try you; not by the Tongue, which is your Glory, but by the Belly, for that is your chief God: For of a truth you all are

Shut out of the Saints Society,
And your Book of the Practice of Piety.

Come *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants*, *Gog* and *Magog*, will you be daunted by a *Quaker?* Stand up *Presbyters* with your hypocritical Faſtings, who faſt for Striſe and Debate; who for matter of Perſecution there's none exceeds you; you had need be ranked next the *Papiſts*, for who ſo cruel as you againſt the Truth? Come, go with me theſe fourteen days journey; and after this two times ſeven is over, we will have three times ſeven more. I never knew the *Quakers* conquer'd yet by all your cruel weapons; therefore if ever you conquer the *Quakers*, it muſt be by Faſting and Watching.

Come *Thomas Vincent*, I have a mind to challenge thee: but if thou doſt not anſwer, if either *Papiſts* or *Proteſtants*, *Jeſuits* or *Prieſts*, are willing to anſwer this DUEL: let them name their day and time; and for what God, and for what People, and I will anſwer you, or whom you can produce in the behalf of the People call'd *Quakers*, who are in the Truth, [*and None but THEY.*]

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Come *Jeremy Ives*, *John Lucas*, *Robert Porter*, and *John Brown*; I challenge you, as *Elias* did the false Prophets: and thou *Jo. Brown*, Baptist Teacher—— you Blasphemers come and answer this Duel. Stand up you sleepy Professors and maintain your Assertions. Come *Jeremy*, I must not pass thee by, for I tell thee thy Faith is false, and so is thy Doctrine, and thy Profession is rotten, and thy God is thy Belly; and thy Faith the Faith of Devils, that purifieth not the Heart, &c.

Stand up, old *Thomas Lamb*; come old *Thomas* and young *Thomas*, and help your Brethren, *Jer. Ives*, *Matthew Caffin* and *William Burnet*; for the *Quaker* denies your Church, and is come to the true Church, the ground and pillar of Truth, &c.

Come forth you *Jesuits* and *Papists*, *Monks* and *Friars*, *Star-gazers*, *Monthly-Prognosticators*, and *Astrologers*, and all the *Devils Conjurers*; will you not find a Man to answer the *Quakers*? If you find a Man, let him be known who he is, and for what God, and for what People; and let him send one to me to see me perform my Challenge, and I shall send one to him to see him perform his Answer; or we will be shut up together in one Room.

Stand up *Muggleton* the Sorcerer, whose mouth is full of Curses, Lies, and Blasphemies; who calleth thy last Book, *A Looking-Glass for George Fox*, whose name thou art not worthy to take into thy mouth; who is a Prophet indeed, and hath been faithful in the Lord's business from the beginning: It was said of Christ, that *He was in the World, and the World was made by Him, and the World knew Him not*: So it may be said of this true Prophet, whom *John* said he was not; but thou shalt feel this Prophet one day as heavy as a Millstone upon thee: and although the World knows him not, yet he is known.

Come forth *Robert Porter*, thou shouldst answer this Duel, for thou hast opened the mouth of God's Enemies against the Truth and his People: But is not thy God thy Belly, as the rest of thy lying Brethrens? Come forth; it is but fourteen days: and if I fall by the way, thou mayest then say, the Lord never sent me.

Stand up all the Armies of the Beast, *Papists*, *Jesuits*, *Presbyters*, *Baptists*, and all the false Prophets of the Nation.

Come *Glocester Professors*, to whom I writ a Challenge once, but none would answer me; come *William Shepherd* the Lawyer, and *Thomas Martin*; come *William Jordan* the Presbyter, who said thou wouldst fast with me thirty nine days, and I could never get thee to fast one.

Never did any thrive that spake against the *Quakers*.

Solomon Eccles.

The aforesaid Challenge is not only published by *S. E.* but is also owned, or at least countenanced by the chiefest Leaders of that People: for the said Challenge is again renewed in their Book, [*Judas and the Jews*] in these words, *viz. L. Muggleton and the Baptists have agreed with* John Pennyman, *to get something against* S. E. *to save their Bellies*; *and* John Pennyman, *as a Captain of Cowards, endeavours to strengthen the Enemies of God against me behind my back: but he should first have answered my Challenge, &c.* (he speaking of *Watching* and *Fasting*, which he calls his two Weapons) pag. 72. This Book is put forth by *Tho. Briggs*, *John Whitehead*, *John Crooke*, *Solomon Eccles*, *James Claypool*, *William Gosnel*, *Henry Stout*, *Rebecka Travers*, *Ellis Hookes*, &c. and is owned by *George Fox*, *George Whitehead*, and several others.

Here followeth one of *George Fox* his Challenges (relating to *Fasting* only) taken out of the Title-Page of his Book, entituled, *An Answer to a Paper from the Papists*, &c.

"If any *Papist*, &c. will go forth three or four weeks with a *Quaker* with Bread and Wa-"ter, and have no more of that than the *Quaker* hath,——. So if you dare try this matter, "then some of your side shall watch the *Quaker*, and some of the *Quakers* side shall watch "you, and so we shall try if your Bellies be not your God.

G. F.

Wo to the Crown of Pride! Wo to the Shepherds of Israel! I will magnifie the Law, and make it honourable. But this is a People robb'd and spoil'd: for their Glory is turned into Shame, and their Honour into perpetual Reproach and Contempt.

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